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Limited Housing Services

On 19 June, the DPW Housing Division on Chièvres Air Base will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will only provide limited services from 2:30 to 4 p.m. due to a retirement luncheon.

Belgian Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be on June 22 at Hangar 4, Chièvres Air Base from 9 to 11 a.m.

New law for drivers in Belgium

It is now mandatory for drivers in Belgium to carry a high visibility retro reflective jacket (safety jacket) in their vehicle at all times. Drivers must wear the safety jacket when their vehicle is immobilized on any Belgian road. For more information, call DSN 423-3933.

Seafood Road Show

The re-scheduled date for the DeCA Sea Food Road Show is July 19 at the Chièvres Commissary. More information will be available as the date approaches.

Brussels ACS New Hours

The Army Community Services office at USAG Brussels is observing new hours. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Wednesdays the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call DSN 368-9721 or CIV 02-717-9721 for details.

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Celebrating Army Birthday



Children from School Age Services on SHAPE release balloons into the air June 12 to celebrate the Army's 234th birthday.









Above: Soldiers and family members sing "Happy Birthday" to the Army on June 11. This was the Army's 234th birthday. Service members, civilians and dependents celebrated the event with a cake-cutting in front of the Chièvres Garrison PX as well as a speech by Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Ford who spoke about the vital role noncommissioned officers play in the day-to-day events of the Army.

Left: Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Strakal, from the Northern Law Center, and Tiffany Boone Hines, a six-year-old Army dependent, cut the 234th Army Birthday Cake at the USAG Benelux Army Community Service headquarters on SHAPE, Belgium, June 11, 2009. ACS celebrated the Army's birthday with an open house for Servicemembers and Families.

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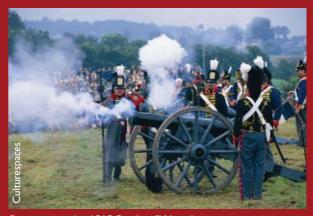
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18 - 21 June

• Waterloo 2009 - Commemoration of the Battle of Waterloo. Re-enactment of bivouacs and battles with the participation of a 1,200 uniformed military enthusiasts from Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, The Netherlands, Russia, the Czech Republic and Belgium. During this weekend a variety of military exercises and different demonstrations take place. Bivouacs will be installed at the Last H.Q. of Napoleon and at the Hougoumont Farm. There will be a reconstruction of the battle in Plancenoit on Saturday evening and a reconstruction of the combats of Hougoumont as well as the retreat to the Lion Mound on Sunday morning. Address is Route du Lion 315 at 1410 Waterloo. For more information and full program, visit www.waterloo1815.be/fr/waterloo.



Re-enacting the 1815 Battle of Waterloo

15 June

- Annual Sales (200 booths) at 9600 Ronse. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Annual Sales downtown Mons all day part of the Doudou festivities.
- Military Bands Parade on the Main Square at Mons starting at 8:30 p.m, part of the Doudou festivities.

16 June

- Annual Sales downtown Mons all day, part of the Doudou festivities.
- *Military Bands Parade* on the Main Square at Mons starting from 8:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. when the fireworks will mark the end of the Doudou festivities.

18 - 21 June

• 25th Music Festival in Brussels and in Wallonia. This 25th edition of the Music Festival offers the crowds hundreds of free concerts in Brussels and Wallonia to celebrate the summer solstice. This year the play bill will be varied once again. Classical music and electronic music are neighbors during one weekend. You will find the full program www.fetedelamusique.be

19 June

• **Disneyland**. Two parks in one day (Disneyland and Disney studios). Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. Prices are €85 per adult, €75 per youth between 3 and 11 and €35 per child under two.

19 - 21 June

- Mont St Michel & St Malo. Mont St Michel is a marvelous island built upon granite boulders in the sand off the coast of France. From the magnificent abbey at the top built by monks around 700, to the stunning twice daily tidal changes, you will see why this island is a National treasure. On Saturday, we will visit the walled port city of Saint Malo located in Brittany, France. Saint Malo is home to the highest concentration of seafood restaurants in Europe. Don't miss your chance to see both of these beautiful villages. Depart SHAPE: 5 a.m. return SHAPE: 9 p.m. Price: Single €355, Double €295 per person. Includes hotel, dinner and breakfast.
- Summer sales (400 booths) downtown 8500 Kortrijk. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 19 and 20 and from 2 to 6 p.m. on June 21.
- Flea market and summer sales (100 booths) at 1090 Anderlecht (Brussels area), on Chaussée de Mons. Open from 1 to 6 p.m. on June 19 and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 20 and 21.

20 June

- Flea market (70 booths) at 1040 Etterbeek (Brussels area) on Chaussée de Wavre. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (70 booths) at 1090 Jette (Brussels area) on Avenue Capart. Open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Flea market (200 booths) at 1060 Saint-Gilles (Brussels area) on Barrière de Saint-Gilles à Moris. Open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Flea market (150 booths) at 1030 Schaerbeek (Brussels area) on Quartier Meiser. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (150 booths) at 1170 Watermael-Boisfort (Brussels area), on Coin du Balais. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (200 booths) at 1200 Woluwe-Saint-Lambert (Brussels area), on Rue Dries. Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Night market at 7800 Ath, around the Saint Julian church. Open from 6 p.m. until midnight.



20 June Continued

- Paris, The Latin Quarter. Start with a two-hour walking tour of the heart of Parisian history. See everything from Roman ruins, two of the world's most famous cathedrals, one of the world's most famous universities and Paris' most beautiful gardens. After the tour, explore on your own. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. Prices is €40 per person without tour or €60 per person (tour included).
- Musical Festival at Thieusies (Soignies area). Concerts et animations at Sabots d'Hélène, on 20 Rue du Château. Free entrance.

20 - 21 June

- Flea market (250 booths) at 6000 Charleroi, on Quais de Sambre. Open from 6 p.m. on June 20 until 6 p.m. on June 21.
- Flea market (150 booths) at 9000 Gent, on Lange Violettestraat. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (700 booths) at 1020 Laeken (Brussels area) on Avenue Houba De Strooper. Open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Flea market (125 booths) at 1210 Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode (Brussels area) on Chaussée de Louvain. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (50 booths) at 7060 Soignies, on Rue de la Station and Rue de Mons. Open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

21 June

- Flea market (55 booths) downtown 7800 Ath. Open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (360 booths) at 1420 Braine-L'alleud, on Rue du Château d'Eau. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (250 booths) at 3600 Genk, on Wijk Boxbergheide. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Flea market (220 booths) at 7830 Hellebecq (Silly area), on the square. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (310 booths) downtown at 8670 Koksijde. Open from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market at 1180 Uccle (Brussels area), on Quartier Bascule. Open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (45 booths) at 1410 Waterloo, on Place and Rue Joli-Bois. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

24 - 27 June



• MESA March (European March for Souvenir and Friendship). The MESA is a march in which everyone, military personnel and civilians can take part. The march takes place every year at the end of June in the beautiful region of the Belgian Ardennes. It lasts four days. The participants can stay in camps (buildings or tents). Each day a military transportation will bring you to the point of departure. In the evening, you will be driven back to your camp. It is possible, however, to reach the point of departure by your own means of transportation. Two trails are proposed every day: one of 32 km and one of 16 km. For additional information, visit www.marche-mesa.be.

26 June

• Flea market and summer sales (200 booths) at 1020 Laeken (Brussels area), on Boulevard Bockstael. Open from noon to 10 p.m.

26 - 27 June

• **Bonfires on Saint John's day at 7000 Mons**. A parade with drums cross the city to announce that the stake on the Place Nervienne will be fired. All night long, numerous cultural animations take place on the Place Nervienne and in blockhouses. For additional information, visit www.saintjeanmons.be

26 - 28 June

- Flea market (100 booths) at 9000 Gent, on Bevrijdingslaan. Open from 4 to 10 p.m.on June 26 and from noon to 10 p.m. on June 27 and 28.
- Jazz festival at 7080 Frameries (Mons area). After last year's success, mixing jazz and world music, the festival continues in the same perspective of exploration and expansion of jazz music in all its wealth and diversity. Conviviality is the best word to describe the unique atmosphere of this festival. Main event will be held on the main square on June 26 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Entrance fee is €10.For detailed program, visit www.frameriesjazz2009.be.

26 - 29 June

• Couleur Café music festival Brussels, at the Tours and Taxis site on Avenue du Port 86c at 1000 Brussels. Couleur Café is a Music Festival dedicated to all currents of urban music across the world including r&b, hiphop, world, afro, reggae, ragga, dub, dancehall, latin, salsa, son, raï, rock, dance. Started in 1990, Couleur Café spreads nowadays over 3 festive summer nights and gather each year 70,000 visitors in a cheerful, colorful and merry atmosphere. For program and reservation, visit www.couleurcafe.be.

27 June

- Flea market (250 booths) at 9000 Gent on Rerum Novarumplein. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Country market at 1020 Laeken. Starts at 8 a.m.



27 June Continued

- Flea market (100 booths) downtown 1400 Nivelles. Open from 4 p.m. to midnight.
- Flea market (50 booths) downtown Ostiches (Ath area). Open from noon to midnight.
- Annual summer sales (100 booths) downtown 7950 Chièvres. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Witches festival at 7890 Ellezelles. Created in 1972, this event re-enacts the execution of five witches in Ellezelles in the year 1610. The parade arrives at the Place d'Ellezelles at 5:30 pm and marches through the country roads for about three km until it reaches the Place d'Aulnoit. This is where the famous witches (or Chorchîles) and the werewolf meet with Satan (at around 10.15 pm). The place is appropriately called "Mareu des Chorchîles". This is the place where the witches' festival and the famous dancing around the fire take place. During the sabbath the local farmers, carrying crosses and pitchforks, suddenly appear and manage to capture one of the witches. She is then taken to an ecclesiastical tribunal. The judges sentence the witch to death by hanging. The corpse is then burnt on the pyre. For additional information, visit www.ellezelles.com/sabbat.

27 - 28 June

- Summer sales downtown 9300 Aalst. Open from 2 to 6 p.m.
- Craftmen at work at 7972 Aubechies (Chièvres area), at the archeosite of Aubechies on Rue de l'Abbaye. Open from 3 p.m. to midnight on June 27 and from noon to 8 p.m. on June 28. Entrance fees are €8.5 and €3,5 for young under 12.
- Flea market and summer sales (300 booths) at 1160 Auderghem (Brussels area), on Chaussée de Wavre.

 Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Summer sales downtown 7500 Tournai. Open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

28 June

- Flea market (55 booths) at 1140 Evere (Brussels area), on Rue F. Léger. Open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Flea market (200 booths) at 1190 Forest (Brussels area) on Place de l'Altitude Cent. Open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Flea market (250 booths) downtown 7022 Harmignies (Mons area). Open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Flea market (120 booths) at 1090 Jette (Brussels area), on Avenue De Heyne. Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Flea market (500 booths) at 8310 Sint-Kruis (Brugge area), on Brieversweg. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Agricultural fair downtown 7060 Soignies. Starts at 9 a.m.
- SHAPE flea market at SHAPE in the industrial area car park (200 area). Open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the last Sunday of the month during the months of April, May, June, July, August & September. Vendor's permits are on sale on the dates specified at the SHAPE Event Centre, usually the week before the market. For additional information, call 065/44.83.41.

30 June and 2 July

• Ommegang Pageant at 1000 Brussels. This is still one of the most important historical and cultural events staged in Brussels. More than 1,400 extras dressed in authentic historic costumes, horses, coaches and giants take part in the spectacle. Yearly colorful pageant on Brussels' Grand'Place commemorates a celebration in honor of Emperor Charles V in the 16th century. The Ommegang takes place on both days at 9 p.m. The procession starts at the Sablon at 8:50 p.m. and ends at the Grand-Place where the show starts at 9 p.m. To book a seat, call 070-660601.

Ongoing Until...

20 September

• 14 comic strip authors pay tribute to the atomium at 1020 Brussels, Square de l'Atomium. Each illustrator will place his composition in a 1950s, contemporary or futuristic setting. The theme is the Atomium itself and the spirit of Expo '58. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



5 July

• "Presidents of the USA" exhibition at 4020 Liège, at the Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain, on 3 Parc de la Boverie. This exhibition has the official support of the Embassy of the United States of America and pays tribute to the 44 presidents of the United States. Through photos, illustrations and films,

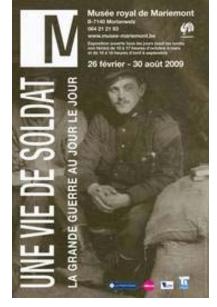
visitors discover America's exciting history and some historic moments between Belgium and the United States. A film (French, English, Dutch) on 400 years of joint history between the United States and Belgium is continuously being showed during the exhibition. Open from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Closed on Monday. Entrance fee is €5 per person. For additional information, visit www.presidentusa.be.

30 August

• A soldier's life at the Royal Museum of Mariemont. Discover the Great War through an unpublished manuscript, illustrated with many pictures and drawings, relating Gustave Groleau's life during the war. Groleau served in the Belgian army and fought on the Yser front. His books recount the wartime atrocities. Exhibition is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Musée Royal de Mariemont on 100 Chaussée de Mariemont at 7140 Morlanwelz-Mariemont. Entrance fee is €4. For additional information, visit www.musee-mariemont.be.

28 September

• **Brussels Rollers.** Every Friday from June to end of September, leave your car behind and get your skates on. From the Palais de Justice to the race course at Boitsfort, the broad boulevards of Brussels are reserved just for you. Ten km open to everyone and 10 km for thrill-seekers, in the



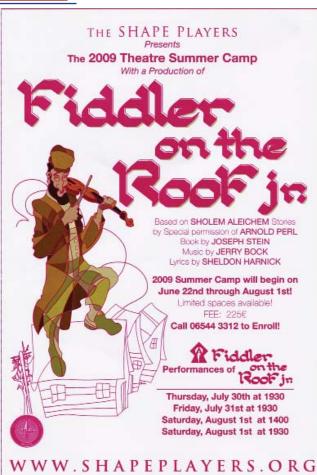
company of several thousand fellow skaters, this is a trip that combines good humour and conviviality. It ends with a fiesta right in the centre of town, sometimes late into the night. Departs from the Place Poelaert at 1000 Brussels. For additional information and to get confirmation that the parade is still on, visit www. belgiumrollers.com.

Sign Up Now

For information and to sign up, call SHAPE Trips and Tours at DSN 423-3884

- **Dutch windmills, Zaanse Schans & Volendam, The Netherlands**. June 27. Zaanse Schans is a popular destination for visitors in search of a bit of Old Holland. Volendam is a charming harbor town with shops and unique stilt houses. Includes a guided tour, visit to a cheese farm, visit to a wooden shoe workshop and a boat trip. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. Prices are €57 per adult and €50 per child under 12.
- Paris, Montmarte district. July 4. See the artistic side of Paris. Begin your day with the optional two hour guided walking tour to explore the Paris that inspired some of the great artists (Moulin Rouge, windmills of Montmartre, Sacre Coeur Basilica, Vincent Van Gogh's house, Place du Tertre where artist's work is painted and sold on the spot). After the tour the rest of the day is yours to explore this amazing side of Paris! Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at 1a.m. Prices are €40 without tour and €60 with tour.
- Nausicaa aquarium. July 5. Guided tour included. Take a journey beneath the sea to Europe's largest marine complex. From the Mediterranean Sea creatures to African penguins, learn about the wet and wild part of our planet. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. Prices are €55 per adult, €50 per child under 12. Prices include transportation, entrance to aquarium, and guided tour.
- **London.** July 11. A day of free time in the city of endless attractions: Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Museums, and the West End theatre district. Departs SHAPE at 5:30 a.m. and returns at 2 a.m. Price is €60.
- **Dolfinarium.** July 12. Back stage tour included. You will have your own private guided tour and time to see the nine different shows going on. This unique park is a wonderful place to spend a summer day. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. Price is €75.





SHAPE Band Tours Belgium



The SHAPE Band is performing free concerts throughout Belgium to recognize the 60th Anniversary of NATO. The concerts are coordinated in conjunction with other activities and festivals happening in each city. The below dates were provided by the Mayors of the regional communities, but are subject to change. In addition to the concerts listed below, other areas, like Jurbise, Chimay and the Belgian seaside, are planning to host the SHAPE Band.

Date and Time	Place
June 27 – from 2 to 9 p.m.	SHAPE Cinema
July 19 Jul at 5 p.m.	Brugelette
July 21 – time TBD	Malmedy
Aug. 28-30 – time TBD	Ath
Sept. 4 – from 6 to 8 p.m.	Lens
Sept. II-I3 or Sept. 18-20 – time TBD	Soignies
Oct. 16 – time: 8 to 10 p.m.	Mons

Movies in English at the Plaza Art



Afterschool

Ezra Miller, Jeremy White, Emory Cohen June 17 at 10:30 p.m. June 18 at 10 p.m. June 20 at 5:15 p.m. June 21 at 9 p.m. June 22 at 10:30 p.m.

The Burning Plain

Charlize Theron, Kim Basinger, Jennifer Lawrence June 17 at 10:30 p.m. June 18 at 10:30 p.m. June 19 at 5:30 p.m. June 21 at 11 a.m.

Looking for Eric

Steve Evets, Eric Cantona, Stephanie Bishop June 17 at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. June 18 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 19 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 20 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 21 at 11 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. June 22 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Movie listings for the SHAPE Cinema were not available by press time.



Fitness Classes

Chièvres Air Base	M	Т	W	Т	F
Mature Yoga	•		•		•
Yoga for Everybody		•	•	•	
Spinning		•			-

Mature Yoga 12:15 to 1 p.m. in Bldg. 13 on Caserne Daumerie. Free.

Yoga for Everybody 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Bring your own mat. Free.

Spinning 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Bring water. For more details call DSN 361-5643.

The Chièvres Sports & Fitness Center

Open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Weekends and U.S. Holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

USAG Brussels	M	Т	W	Т	F	S
Yoga	•		•		•	
Spinning	•			•		
Body Pump		•				•
Strong Women		•		•		
Step Aerobics			•		•	

Yoga 10 to 11 a.m. Free. **Spinning** 6 to 7 p.m. Free.

ports & Fitness

 $\textit{Body Pump}\ 6$ to 7 p.m. Sat. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free.

Strong Women 12:15 to 1 p.m. Free.

Step Aerobics 6 to 7 p.m. Free.

For more details call 02-717-9667

USAG Brussels Fitness Center

Open weekdays from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Weekends from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open U.S. Holidays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2009 SACEUR

Sports Athletics Competition

The 2009 SACEUR Athletics Competition is June 23 at 10 a.m. The following events will be competed for:

- 3000m Open
- Shot Putt Male only
- High Jump Male only
- Javelin
- 4x100m Relay
- 400m
- 100m
- 1500m
- 4x400m Male only
- Long Jump

Teams are to consist of two males and one female in each event. At least 50 percent of athletes are to be military personnel and all competitors must possess a valid SHAPE ID card. For more information, call DSN: 423 - 4717.

CYSS Fall Sports - Brussels

Registration is underway now until July 31 for Brussels boys and girls soccer and flag football. Registration is open to kids ages 6-18. The season begins Aug. 31. The cost is \$36 per child and discounts are available for volunteer coaches. Registration forms and more information can be found at www.usagbrussels.eur.army.mil or by calling 02-717-9651.

CYSS Fall Sports - Chièvres

Registration for youth soccer and flag football on Chièvres begins June 15 and runs until Aug. 21. The soccer season runs September through November. The flag football season runs August through October. The cost is 28 euro.

Soccer Ages:

Bambino Co-ed	Born	in	03-04
Pee Wee Co-ed	Born	in	01-02
Minor Co-ed	Born	in	99-00
Bantam Co-ed	Born	in	97-98
Junior Girls	Born	94	-95-96
Junior Boys	Born	in	95-96

Flag Football Ages: (Age on Nov. 15)

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Bantam Co-ed	9-11 yrs
• Junior Co-ed	12-15 yrs

Registration for youth golf ends soon. The golf season runs June through September. Registration is free.

Golf Ages:

Peewee Co-Ed	. 6-7 years
Minor Co-Ed	. 8-9 years
Bantam Co-Ed	. 10-12 years

CYSS Annual Registration, Health Assessment and Immunization Records must remain valid throughout the season and are required prior to registration. Sign up at Central Enrollment and Registration Office, Bldg. 503 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call DSN 423-5612 or DSN 423-5856.

Coaches Wanted

Child, Youth & School Services Sports is looking for volunteer coaches for the table tennis, soccer, jump rope, flag football, basketball and golf. These programs run six to eight weeks with one practice per week. Call DSN 423-5856 to volunteer to help keep these sports programs alive.

Golf Scramble Sign Up

The Benelux chapter of the Military Police Regimental Association will be holding the second annual golf scramble July 6. Registration for the scramble is sixty euro and includes green fees, a BBQ dinner, a commemorative polo shirt and free practice range. The event will be held at "Le Golf du Mont Garni" in Baudor. Registration is due to Sgt. 1st Class Philip Wadholm June 16. For more information email Philip.wadholm@eur.army.mil or call DSN 361-5086.



BAS students help Afghani counterparts:Saving one penny at a time

By Thad Moyseowicz

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How much is a penny worth?

Not much, you might think, and it's become less and less over the years. For example, it takes 44 pennies to buy a postage stamp that will mail a First Class letter via the U.S. postal system. A popular U.S. weekly periodical sells for 495 pennies at a newsstand back in the U.S. Here in Europe, the small Euro cent has similarly low purchasing power. Both U.S. and European cents are becoming broadly unpopular with their respective publics, and are frequently kept in drawers and jars in lieu of being spent in western societies.

Well, here's a sample of what a few pennies will buy in Afghanistan:

one U.S. cent = one pencil one Euro cent. = one eraser 15 pennies = one notebook 200 pennies = one teacher's salary for a day 2000 pennies = one student's supplies for one year 60,000 pennies = one teacher's annual salary

Since late February, at the suggestion of Brussels American School parents Patty Buzzerio-Glendening and Melanie Mills and the cooperation of a number of BAS teachers, the school has been running a "Pennies for Peace" campaign. The campaign has been collecting coins (both Euro and American) in the school's front lobby, as well as at the USAG Brussels Library, Brussels AFEES Shoppette and Brussels Thrift Store. As school



BAS First Grader Ana Ilioska deposits a coin in the collection jug used in the BAS "Pennies for Peace" drive inspired by the Mortenson book, Three Cups of Tea.



BAS students help Afghani counterparts Continued

broke for summer, the BAS campaign had collected \$834.30. That's a lot of pennies.

This drive was inspired by author Greg Mortensen, author of the 2006 New York Times best-seller, "Three Cups of Tea." The book chronicles Mortenson's transition from mountain-climber to humanitarian, and his efforts to reduce poverty and educate girls in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. Mortenson is co-founder of the "Central Asia Institute," which has built over 78 schools in the most remote areas of the countries. This non-profit organization builds and maintains schools in remote mountain regions of those countries. To date, over 100 schools which serve 28,000 students have been built. The Mortenson work had been read by a book club that Buzzerio-Glendening, an Army spouse, belongs to, and she had been both moved and inspired to discuss it with some of her children's BAS teachers.

But the BAS campaign was about a lot more than raising funds for a cause, however worthy the cause might be.

"The Mortenson book is excellent contemporary literature, and it's about a subject that all of our students, even in the elementary grades, can relate to," explained fifth-grade teacher Annie Bryant. "They all know what teachers are and do, they know what students need in order to learn. They know what a classroom is. From the building [of a new gym and arts center] that's going on at BAS, they know what construction is. Finally, they understand and can empathize with the needs of other students."

"We're fortunate the book has been condensed into versions suitable for younger readers," said middle school teacher Brenda Quinn. "That's allowed us to share it with all of our students, especially the very youngest ones."

Quinn's middle school research group read and researched the "Young Readers" edition of "Three Cups of Tea."

"They really got into it," says Quinn. "One of my classes sponsored a hat day at school. For 50 cents, a student bought the privilege of wearing a hat for a day at school, with all proceeds will go to 'Pennies for Peace.'"

The basic story transcended all grade levels, with the entire elementary school (grades K-5) having the children's version, "Listen to the Wind," read to them by upperclassmen.

"The story itself is wonderful," said first-grade teacher Martha Proietto. "It really kept my students' attention. But it was great to have it read to them by big kids they see, every day, on campus. To a first-grader, an eighthgrader is practically an adult."

One of the eighth-grade readers, Paul Schlattman, agreed.

"I was impressed with how Mrs. Proietto's students listened to me," he said. "They really gave me their full attention."

The other benefit, according to Proietto, is the leadership experience for the older students.

"The smaller children really do hold the high school students in awe," Proietto explained. "The experience of reading to the younger kids makes the older kids try especially hard to be worthy of that respect. The upperclassmen rise to the occasion. They don't want to be embarrassed."

The BAS "Pennies for Peace" campaign, built around the framework of the Mortenson book, teaches children the rewards of sharing and working together to bring hope and educational opportunities to children in Central Asia.

"As BAS students participated in 'Pennies for Peace,' they broadened their cultural horizons, and came to understand philanthropy one penny at a time," Buzzerio-Glendening said. "Even the youngest students know the relatively low value of a U.S. or Euro cent, but they could see with their own eyes how our big plastic jug filled up with small change because of their efforts. From the book, they know their efforts will go a long way in Pakistan and Afghanistan."

BAS librarian Carol-Ann Whipple is delighted that a piece of contemporary literature is serving as an educational vehicle, and not only in a classroom setting. She believes the work has

"awakened a sense of giving," and "served as a bridge to other far-away places" for BAS students, she said.

"It's helped broaden their sense of community," Whipple added.

The campaign has also improved Whipple's fitness, Buzzerio-Glendenning quipped.

"Mrs. Whipple, at the end of each day, was the one who moved our main collection container - a 40-gallon jug - to safe-keeping, from the school lobby to the library, and back out again the next morning. That jug got heavier and heavier as the weeks and months went on."

At a time when U.S. national political and military leaders have gone on record as saying that military hard power is only a part of the solution to unrest and terrorism in places like Afghanistan and Pakistan, students at a small school in Brussels are doing their bit, a penny at a time, to try and make a difference.

"Educating young people in these countries can help break the cycle that terrorism comes from," says BAS eighth-grader Mihael Podplatnik. "I'm glad we're able to help."

SHAPE American School Class of 2009



Families, teachers and students celebrated lune II as 52 seniors from SHAPE American High School's Class of 2009 graduated at the Chateau De Beloeil. Class President Sha'Air Hawkins leads her fellow classmates as they switch their tassels to the left side of their cap, symbolizing that they have received their diplomas. Joanna McLaren is the class Valedictorian and Audra Lynn Richards, is the class Salutatorian. Read more about graduations across the Benelux in the Summer 2009 Edge due out July 1.

FORCE PROTECTION

BOMB THREATS

Be suspicious of objects found around the house, office or automobile. Check mail and/or packages carefully.

- Isolate suspect letters or packages
- Do not immerse them in water.
 Doing so may cause them to explode.
- Clear the area immediately. Notify your Chain of Command.
- Remain Alert at all times.

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Army Community Service recognizes SHAPE, Chièvres volunteers

By Kevin Downey

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Public Affairs

SHAPE and Chièvres Garrison leadership thanked volunteers June 9 for their efforts in improving the joint, international community during the past year.

More than 100 community volunteers were hailed at the Army Community Service-sponsored 2009 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon on SHAPE.

"You are the healthy ones, the people who make the community stronger, the kind of people I want to be around," keynote speaker Air Force Col. Jack Briggs told the audience gathered in the SHAPE Club.

Briggs is the SHAPE and U.S. European Command executive officer

"Volunteering has an amazing effect on us," he said. "When we put other's needs before ours, we find a higher purpose and a great sense of satisfaction. All of you present know that feeling very well."

The ceremony helped raise awareness of the impact volunteers have on the places Americans live and work, said U.S. Army Garrison Benelux ACS acting volunteer manager Pina Artale.

"They make the fabric of our community stronger with selfless service," Artale said. "In a diverse environment such as ours, these volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge and wide-ranging skills for everyone's benefit."

Artale said volunteers not only lend their time and expertise to

the community, but also save the Army substantial money.

In fact, the amount was more than \$200,000 this year, which the Army would have spent for all the work the volunteers performed since the beginning of the fiscal year.

"If not for the volunteers, our quality of life would be impacted," Artale said. "They perform invaluable services for us that would otherwise need to be funded somehow. "

Artale said donating time and service to the community is mutually beneficial, affording the volunteer an opportunity for a new job skill, a resume boost or the chance to

meet like-minded people in the area.

"If you're new to the community, it's also a good way to learn about your new location," she added. "It's a way to set your family up for a great tour."

Petty Officer 2nd Class John Maldonado, a yeoman with SHAPE's Allied Command Transformation, was named volunteer servicemember of the year.

"To me, volunteering is what it means to be part of a community," Maldonado said, while expressing surprise



Volunteer Servicemember of the Year Petty Officer 2nd Class John Maldonado presents a check on behalf of the ACS volunteer program to the SHAPE and Chièvres community for more than \$200,000, representing the money the Army saved during the past year because of volunteer work.

with the honor. "These are all activities I already do, it's just something that gives me a chance to meet new people, learn new things and travel."

Jen Wright was named volunteer of the year, while Patrick and Catherine Taylor were awarded top volunteer family. Alexa Erdogan was named top youth volunteer.

The top volunteer agency was American Family Team Building.

For more information on volunteering opportunities, contact ACS at DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.



HELP WANTED: Looking for a Job?

PAID JOBS

Andrews Federal Credit Union

Branch Manager – The ideal candidate will possess the following: A bachelor's degree in business, finance or a related field; at least three to five years experience in retail branch environment; a minimum of two years supervising banking, lending activities and imaging security for a retain branch; proven sales ability and business development skills; knowledge of ATM procedures and equipment; professional presentation and excellent interpersonal skills; excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Member Services Representative – The position requires at least two years of previous financial institution experience in the area of loans and operations and a demonstrated ability to cross-sell a variety of financial industry products and services.

Teller – Requires one year teller experience or one year cash handling experience and one year general office experience; excellent verbal and written communication skills. Prior sales experience is preferred.

Call DSN 361-5809 or stop by the Chièvres Branch.

Watch Care Provider

Daumerie American Chapel is looking for Watch Care Providers on a continual basis - Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. These are six-month paid contracted positions (applicants must already have a US Military ID). If interested, email chapeldaumerie@ yahoo.com.



Employment Vacancy Links

U.S. Government Jobs

www.usajobs.com/

U.S. Army Civilian Personnel

www.cpol.army.mil/

NATO Jobs

www.nato.int/wcm-asp/recruit-wide.asp

Jobs at SHAPE

www.nato.int/shape/community/civpers/office.htm

Embassy of the U.S., Brussels

http://belgium.usembassy.gov/jobs.html

VOLUNTEER JOBS

Girl Scouts

Want to make a difference in the life of a young girl? Be a Girl Scout volunteer. Set your schedule. Work two hours a month or five hours a week. For someone who can devote 40 hours per month, the SHAPE Girl Scouts of America is in desperate need of an Overseas Committee Chair to run monthly meetings and to handle the organization and paperwork. For more information, email shapegsa@yahoo.com.

Grandma's Attic

Grandma's Attic is looking for new volunteers to help sort through items, stock shelves and run the register. All volunteer hours are recorded with ACS. Additionally, Grandma's Attic will pay up to \$100 per month in child care. On days volunteers work, they can fill up a brown paper bag and buy what's inside for only \$5. For more information, stop by the store during opening hours or email windancers@hotmail.com.

Reduced Hours

The Andrews Federal Credit Union on Chièvres has had to reduce its hours due to staff shortages. It is now open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some days the bank will close from 1 to 2 p.m. for lunch.



GAZETTE

Summer Camps

Middle School Camp

Teens who are in seventh and eight grade during school year 2008-09 can join CYSS, Youth Programs in Bldg. 503 for some fun-filled summer activities and trips.

Wild Week- June 22 to 26

- Wednesday-Bobbiejaanland 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday to Friday-YS Camp Out

Sports Week-June 29 to July 3

- Tuesday-Mini golf
- Wednesday-Walibi, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday-Facenord

Cold in the summer Week-July 6 to 10

- Wednesday Snoworld
- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Adventure Week-July 13 to 17

 Wednesday to Thursday-Overnight trip to Durbuy Adventure park, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cool off with Water week-July 20 to 24

- Wednesday-Kayaking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday-Watercolor Museum

Fairy Tale Week-July 27 to 31

• Wednesday Trip-Euro Disney, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Outdoor Week-Aug. 3 to 7

- Week long trip to Italy, Departure time TBD
- Pisa & Marble Quarries

Science Week-Aug. 10 to 14

- Wednesday trip-Museum of Natural Science 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday-Dinosaur Museum-Riding bikes.

Camp hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. No camp on SHAPE Holidays. Camp Fee: 40 euro per week.

Full day trips will be scheduled for each Wednesday. Trip will depart at 8 a.m. and return by 6 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Transportation will be on contract buses.

Half day local trips will be scheduled Tuesday or Friday and will extend into the afternoon hours. Half day trips will utilize local transportation, bicycles, buses, trains and/or trolleys.

Youth will be released from camp at 1 p.m.

Summer Open Recreation Hours: 1 to 6:30 p.m.

Permission Slips are required for each trip.

Power Hour Party

Middle school and high school students celebrate the beginning of summer June 16 at 4 p.m. with ice cream sundaes at the MS/Teen Center, Bldg. 503, yellow room.For more information, call DSN 423-6104.

School Age Services Camp

SAS offers amazing programs that will keep your kids smiling for eight fun-filled weeks.

Week 1 Animation Craze - June 22 to 26 Field Trip: Brussels Comics/Cinema Week 2 Mini Olympics June 29 to July 3

Field Trip: Wallibi

Week 3 Wacky Wilderness July 6 to 10

Field Trip: Durbuy

Week 4 Around the world July 13 to 17 Week 5 Believe it or not July 20 to 24

Field Trip: Bellewaerde

Week 6 Island Fever July 27 to 31

Week 7 Blast from the Past August 3 to 7

Field Trip: Bobbejanlaand

Week 8 The Wild West August 10 to 14

Field Trip: Wild Life Reserve

Camp hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Before and After care available. Closed SHAPE holidays. Register at SHAPE Central Registration Office, Bldg. 503 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.







From Your Chièvres MWR

16 June

• *Play Morning* sponsored by ACS New Parent Support Program. This program is offered from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Prime Time Grill on Daumerie. Parents and their children (0-3 years) play together in a group setting. The program teaches parents developmentally appropriate play to help children improve their social, cognitive, and motor skills. Another benefit of Play Morning is the friendships that form among parents and children. No pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S., SHAPE and NATO ID card holders. Call ACS at DSN 423-5324 for additional information.

17 June

Overseas Breast-Feeding Support Group. New mothers can meet from 11 a.m. to noon at the Healthcare Facility in the Social Services Conference Room on SHAPE to address questions and concerns about breast-feeding in the weeks leading up to and after birth. Call DSN 423-5971 for additional information.

18 June

• Welcome Everyone to Belgium - Day 1 offered by the ACS Relocation Program. Are you experiencing culture shock in Belgium? Would you like to know how to get around using the train? This is a two day program with focus on family and community resources. Learn what it is like to live in Belgium and how to make the most of your tour. If you are new to Belgium or want to learn more, join us for some fun tours and practical information. Open to all



U.S. ID Card Holders. Meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bldg. 318 on SHAPE. Pre-registration is required. Call ACS at DSN 423-5324 to register.

- Infant Massage Class Learn soothing and stress relieving techniques from certified instructors. Massage helps mom and baby relax, bond, relieve stress and boost the immune system. Expectant mothers and mothers with newborns and up are welcome. Mats and oils are provided. No pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S., NATO and SHAPE ID cardholders. Meets every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Healthcare Facility in the EDIS Playroom on SHAPE. Call ACS DSN 423-5324 for more information. www. usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/services/acsnewparent.asp.
- Change Your World! ACS Volunteer Corps offers information for potential volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to help others and to work in your community. It can also be a part of your career path and help you get into the career you want. Many opportunities exist in our community. Class is conducted from 6 to 7 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318 on SHAPE. Open to all U.S., SHAPE and NATO ID card holders. Call ACS for more information about this class or any volunteer opportunity at DSN 423-5324.

19 June

• Welcome Everyone to Belgium - Day 2. On this second day, you will learn how to take the train and make a field trip to Brussels. Visit of a warehouse and the Grand Place. Meet at Bldg. 318 on SHAPE. Class is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S. ID Card Holders. Call ACS to register at DSN 423-5324.

22 June

• **Benelux Headstart** – Newcomers Orientation offered by ACS Relocation Program in cooperation with the Benelux Education Office. Sign up for practical information about your new community. Open to U.S. ID card holders. Classes are mandatory for new employees (military and civilians). Call ACS at DSN 423-5324 to obtain location information and sign up.



From Your Brussels MWR

16 June

- **Belgian Tax Form Preparation.** The Belgian tax form has or will shortly be sent to some of you through the Belgian post office in a big brown envelope. Do not throw it away! You need to get exempted if you want to avoid a fine. Call ACS at 02-717-9783 for more information on how to process your exemption. Tax exemption preparation services are available every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the time period of May 12 June 16.
- Finding Employment in Brussels. Federal and NATO Jobs Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon in the ACS Conference Room, at the top floor of Bldg 4 at USAG Brussels, for this. Contact ACS at 02 717-9783 to sign up.
- **Parent-Toddler Playgroup** From 10 a.m. to noon in the SKIES Room located on the ground floor of Bldg. 4 at USAG Brussels. No advanced registration needed. Call ACS at 02 717-9783 for more information.
- Hands-On Resume Class. Learn the application processes for Federal and NATO jobs from 2 to 4 p.m. at USAG Brussels in the ACS Conference Room, top floor of Bldg. 4. Note: having attended the "Finding Employment in Brussels" workshop is a prerequisite. Call ACS at 02 717-9783 to register.
- **Brussels Book Club.** This USAG Brussels Library book club meets at 10 a.m. to discuss "The Uncommon Reader" by Alan Bennett. Copies of the book are available for check-out. Stop by the library or call 02/717.9791 for more information.
- **Army Birthday Celebration.** Join USAG Brussels in celebrating the Army's birthday at 4 p.m. in front of CYS Services. There will be a cake cutting ceremony, guest speakers and of course we'll sing Happy Birthday to the Army. Also in recognition of this special day, the USAG Brussels Library will showcase a collection of books highlighting the Army's history.

17 June

- **Resume Review Opportunities.** Learn to write a first-rate resume. Walk-ins are welcome every Wednesday, from 1 to 4 p.m. You may also call ACS at 02 717-9783 to schedule a one-on-one appointment outside of these hours. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders.
- **Auto Skills 101.** Sign up today for this hands on class instructing students in the basics of car maintenance and repair. Class meets every other Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the USAG Brussels Auto Craft Shop for a total of six class sessions. Cost is \$30 and will include instruction and use of all shop tools and facilities. Please call 02-717-9743 for more information and to sign up, class space is limited.
- **Stress Management** is offered by the ACS Family Advocacy Program (FAP) from 5 to 6 p.m. Learn useful tips to cope with stress and bring serenity back to your busy life! Call Gwen at 02 717-9693 for further details and if you would like to participate in this free, evening workshop.

19 June

- Metro Madness. Learn how to use the Bus, the Pre-/ Metro and the Tram in Brussels and ease the stress of driving in the city and searching for a parking space. This class will give you practical information as you venture out as a group to try the different modes of public transportation in the European capital. This outing is from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meeting place is ACS room 320, Bldg 4 at 9:25 a.m. Limited to 10 people so please call ACS in advance at 02 717-9783/9729 to reserve your spot.
- **Summer Vehicle Check Up.** For only \$35 our skilled Auto Craft Shop mechanic will make sure your car is ready for safe summer driving. Appointments available every Friday by calling 02-717-9743.
- Parent-Toddler Playgroup. From 10 a.m. to noon in the SKIES Room located on the ground floor of Bldg. 4 at USAG Brussels. No advanced registration needed. Call ACS at 02 717-9783 for more information.

